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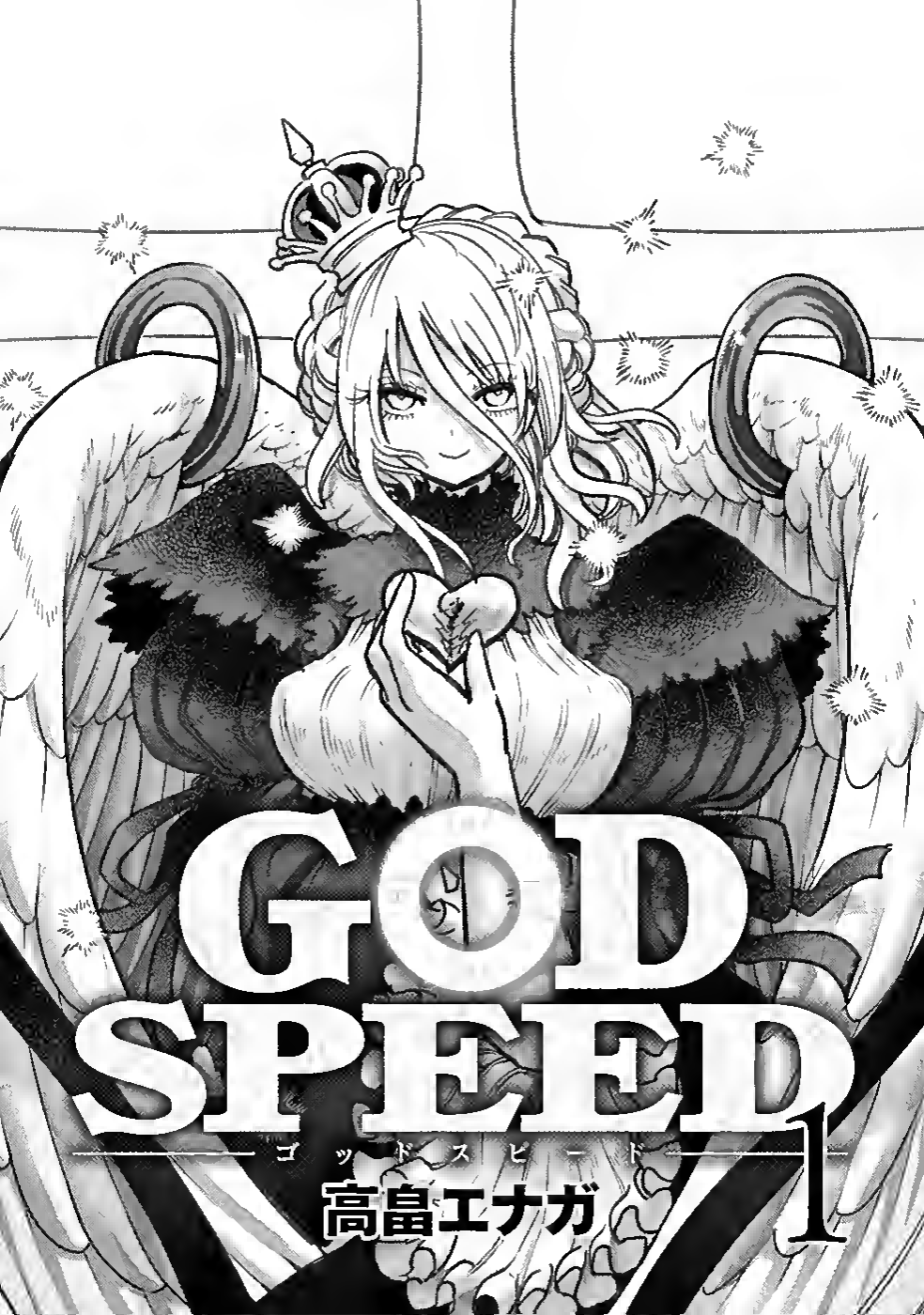
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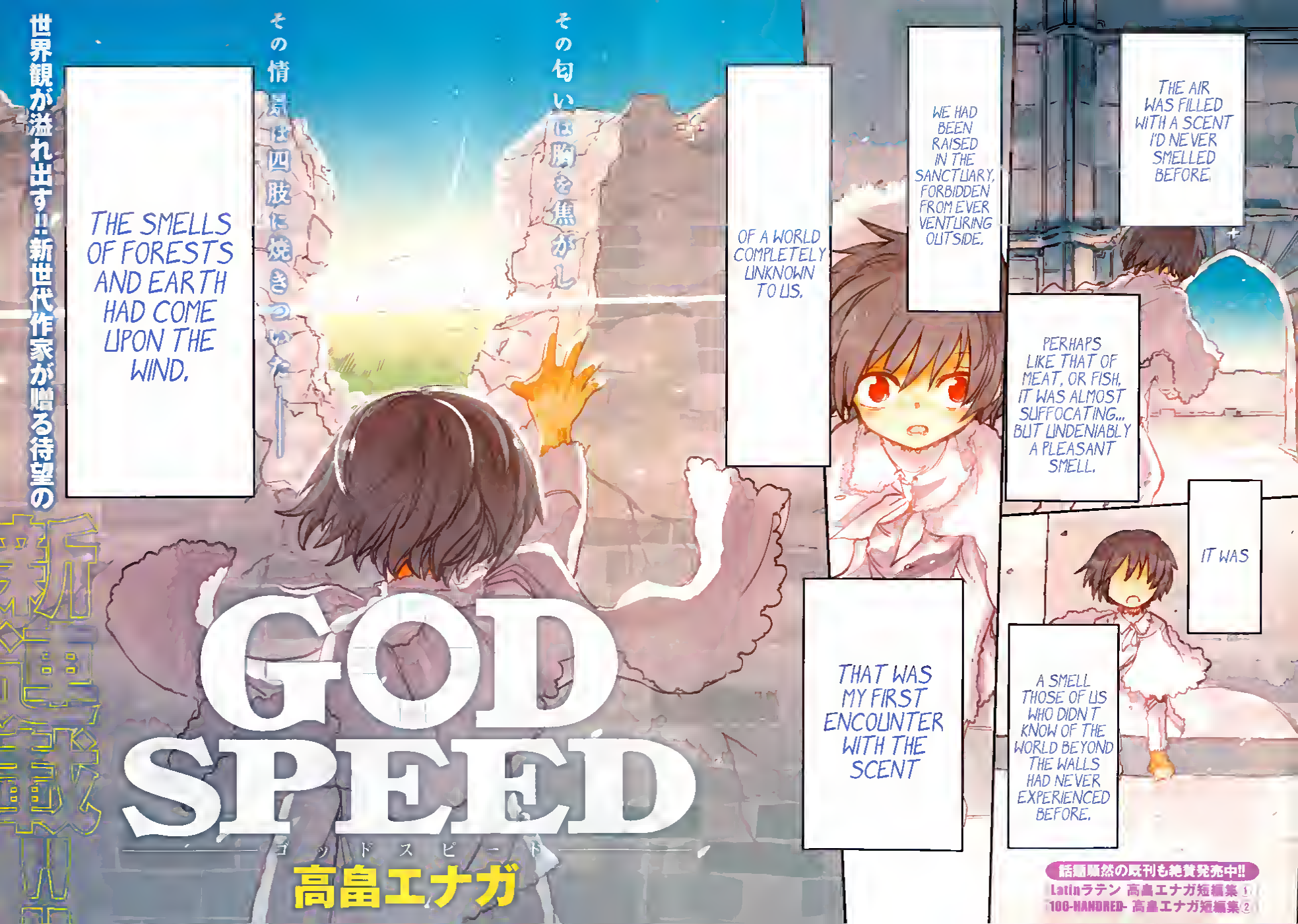
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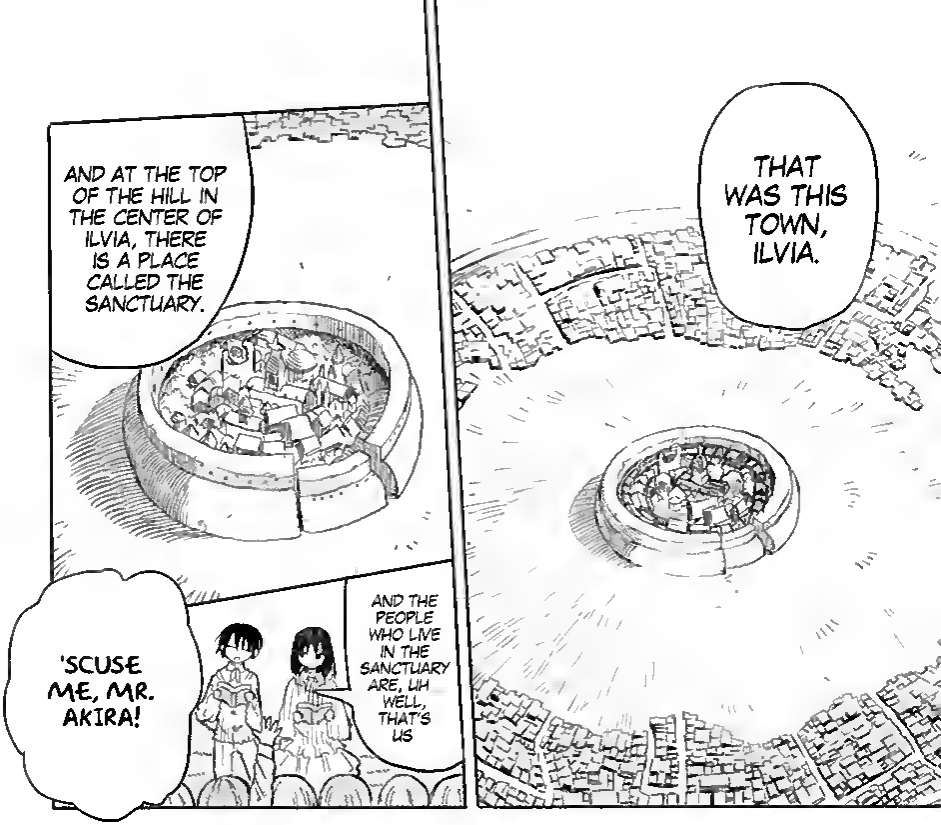
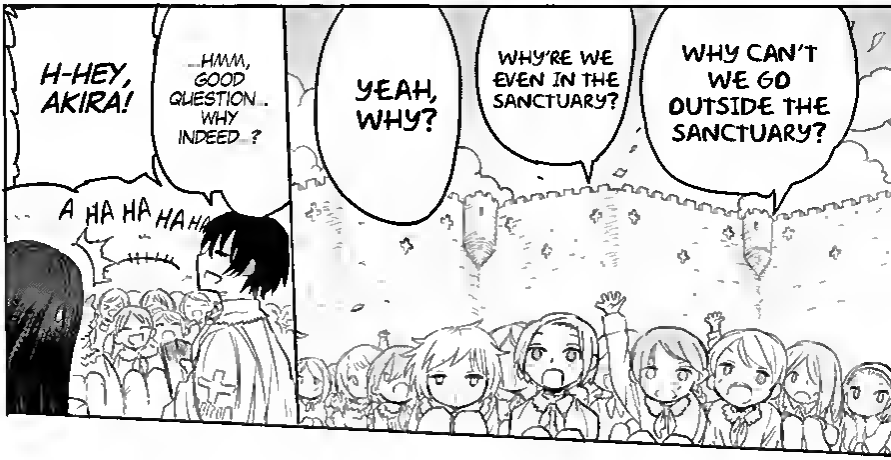
LONG AGO,
THERE WAS A GREAT WAR BETWEEN THE REALMS OF ANGELS AND DEMONS OVER HUMANKIND.
LET'S SEEEE... WHEN THE WAR WAS OVER, THE ANGELS BUILT A TOWN TO KEEP HUMANITY SAFE FROM THE DEMONS.
WHILE THE ANGELS FOUGHT TO PROTECT US HUMANS FROM THE DEMONS
THE DEMONS WERE A WICKED LOT WHO TREATED HUMANS AS THEIR TOYS,


THAT WAS THIS TOWN, ILVIA.
AND AT THE TOP OF THE HILL IN THE CENTER OF ILVIA, THERE IS A PLACE CALLED THE SANCTUARY.
AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE SANCTUARY ARE, UH WELL, THAT'S US
'SCUSE ME, MR. AKIRA!


WHY CAN'T WE GO OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY?
WHY'RE WE EVEN IN THE SANCTUARY?
YEAH, WHY?
...HMM, GOOD QUESTION... WHY INDEED...?
H-HEY, AKIRA!
A HA HA HA HA

YOU ARE ALL SPECIAL CHILDREN TO US, THAT'S WHY.
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WOULD IT KILL YOU TO TEACH THEM CORRECTLY!?
YOU'RE TALKING TO KINDER-GARDENERS HERE!
YOU KNOW I'M NOT GOOD AT THIS STUFF...
AND IT'S "THE GREAT ANGELS!" SHOW SOME RESPECT!
YOU ALL BEAR ESPECIALLY PURE SOULS, EVEN AMONG THE REST OF HUMANKIND.
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THE DEMONS ARE PARTICULARLY ATTRACTED TO YOUR SOULS FOR THAT REASON.
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LADY AMALDA!
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Lady Amalda!
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IF YOU GO OUTSIDE, THE DEMONS MIGHT FIND YOU AND CARRY YOU OFF!
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IT'LL BE SUUUUUPER SCARY FOR YOU IF ONE OF THEM MANAGES TO CATCH YOU...
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THAT'S WHY WE KEEP YOU IN THE SANCTUARY. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY.
WE ANGELS NEEDED A WAY TO KEEP YOU UNDER OUR WINGS.
SO LET'S ALL REMEMBER TO NEVER, EVER GO OUTSIDE THE SANC-TUARY!
OKAY, EVERYONE?
OKAAAAAY!
EVERYONE, MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CEREMONY HALL!
AND THAT ENDS OUR CLASS FOR TODAY!
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I APOLOGIZE FOR AKIRA BEING SUCH A STUBBORN IDIOT.
I'M JUST NOT SUITED FOR THIS KIND OF THING, I THINK.
AKIRA, RINO, GOOD WORK TODAY.
I-IT WAS OUR PLEASURE!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! YOU TWO DID WONDERFULLY TODAY!
AWWW, YOU TWO ARE SO CUUUUUTE!
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W-WE GET IT!!
LADY AMALDA, LET'S JUST GO TO THE CEREMONY HALL NOW!!
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OH, RIGHT. YES, LET'S.♡

NOW THEN...
THE SEVENTEENTH GRADUATION CEREMONY WILL NOW BEGIN.
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TODAY, IN CELEBRATION OF OUR DEAR FRIEND BERNARD'S FOURTEENTH BIRTHDAY.
IT HAS COME TIME TO HONOR HIS GRADUATION FROM HIS TENURE IN THE SANCTUARY.
FROM HERE, HE IS BOUND FOR PARADISE,
AND WILL LIVE IN A PLACE EVEN MORE WONDERFUL THAN THIS ONE.
AND SO... HE WILL NOT RETURN TO LIVE IN THE SANCTUARY AFTERWARD.

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EVERY-ONE!!
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THANKS FOR ALL THE TIMES WE'VE HAD UNTIL NOW!!
BUT THIS IS A NEW BEGINNING FOR HIM! A NEW JOURNEY!
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THIS IS CAUSE FOR US ALL TO REJOICE!
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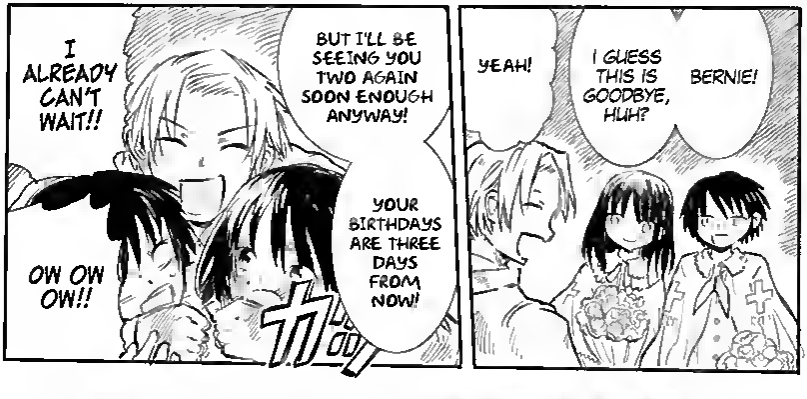
I ALREADY CAN'T WAIT!!
BUT I'LL BE SEEING YOU TWO AGAIN SOON ENOUGH ANYWAY!
YOUR BIRTHDAYS ARE THREE DAYS FROM NOW!
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YEAH!
I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE, HUH?
BERNIE!

CAN'T YOU WAIT FOR JUST TWO DAYS? DON'T CRY ON ME!!
BHUTA, SINA, YOURS ARE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
BERNARD !!
I...!!
BERNIIIIE!!!

WHAT'S WITH THE MELODRAMA, YOU GUYS?
...JEEZ, WE'LL ONLY BE APART FOR A FEW DAYS, RIGHT?
B-BUT...
WE'LL STILL MISS YOU, EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR A DAY...
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SO ANYWAY... WHAT'S PARADISE ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE?
HMM? I BET IT'S A PLACE WITH ALL THE GOOD FOOD YOU CAN EAT, Y'KNOW?
I HEARD IT'S A PLACE WITH LOTS AND LOTS OF FLOWERS EVERYWHERE!
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THEY SAY WE WON'T LOOK FORWARD TO PARADISE IF THEY TAKE AWAY THE SUSPENSE...
EVEN THE ANGELS WON'T GIVE YOU A STRAIGHT ANSWER WHEN YOU ASK THEM.
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WELL... AS LONG AS I CAN BE AS LAZY AS I WANT, I'LL TAKE WHATEVER THEY'VE GOT THERE.
PARADISE, HUH...
BERNIE...?
?
IF A PLACE LIKE THAT REALLY EXISTS...
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I WONDER.
HEH.. WHAT AM I SAYING?
FORGET WHAT I JUST SAID

BERNARD,
IT'S TIME TO GO...
OH!
OKAY, LADY AMALDA!
ALRIGHT, GUYS!
SEE YOU IN PARADISE!!
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BUT MOST OF US ARE GOING TO GRADUATE FROM HERE TOGETHER, YOU KNOW!
THAT'S A GOOD THING, TO ME..
YOU THINK SO, SINA?
I MEAN, IT'S SO LONELY TO LEAVE BY YOURSELF.
I THINK... I'D CRY IF I GRADUATED ALONE...
I WONDER IF I'D FEEL THAT WAY..
YEAH, SINA'S WAY MORE GIRLY THAN YOU.
TOF
NOW BERNIE'S GONE TOO...
FEELS LONELY WITHOUT HIM.
SNIFF... BERNIE...

YEAH, I GUESS SO...
I MEAN, ISN'T PARADISE BETTER THAN HERE?
I WANNA LEAVE AS SOON AS I CAN, MYSELF.
...ALL OF US HAVE TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY EVENTUALLY, TOO...
...IT MAKES ME SO SAD...
JUST DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANY REGRETS
I..
WHAT DO YOU THINK, AKIRA?
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WHAT'S THAT?
A KEY?

WANNA TRY USING THIS AND GOING OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY OURSELVES?
WHAAAT!?
IT'S THE KEY TO THE GATE. THE ANGELS DON'T KNOW I TOOK IT.
COME ON, LET'S GO RETURN IT!!
BEFORE THEY REALIZE YOU TOOK IT...!
WE CAN'T!! THEY TOLD US WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY!!
LADY AMALDA TOLD US THE DEMONS'LL COME TO GET US...
IT'S A BAD IDEA...!
RINO..
I'M BEING SERIOUS

ONCE WE GRADUATE, WE'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO FIND OUT.
AREN'T YOU ALL CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT ILVIA IS LIKE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY?
ONCE WE GRADUATE, WE'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO FIND OUT.
AND THAT'S WHY THIS'LL BE PERFECT TO BE OUR LAST MEMORIES OF OUR TIME HERE..
RIGHT?
B-BUT..
IF A DEMON FINDS US OUT THERE...

IF THINGS GET DICEY, YOU CAN USE BHUTA AS A SHIELD!
DON'T WORRY, SINA!
WHA--
I'LL GO WITH YOU!
I...
NOT HAPPENING!!
MEN LIVE FOR ADVENTURE, DON'T WE!?
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UGH..
HOW DID I BECOME THE MINORITY OPINION HERE...?
I'LL GO TOO!!
O-OKAY!
COME ON...
COME WITH US, RINO.
.....

I...
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE...
ALL RIGHT! IT'S DECIDED!
LET'S DO THIS!!
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C'MON, HURRY UP!
THEY'RE GONNA FIND US...
HEHE... I SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE ANGELS TO LOOK FOR PLACES LIKE THIS
I'M SURPRISED YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS DOOR
WERE YOU PLANNING TO DO THIS ALL ALONG?
DON'T TELL ME...
WHAT!?
IT WAS CLOSED UP RIGHT AWAY, THOUGH
A LONG TIME AGO... THERE WAS A HOLE IN THE WALL. AND FOR A BIT, I COULD SEE WHAT WAS BEYOND IT.
I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD ON MY MIND...
EVER SINCE THAT MOMENT,
BACK WHEN WE WERE KIDS
WHEN WAS THIS!?

I COULD SEE A LINE...
AND I THOUGHT, WHAT'S OUT THERE, BEYOND THE FOREST ?
HOW GOOD MUST IT FEEL TO GET OUT OF HERE, AND RUN AS FAST AND FAR AS I CAN, PAST THE HORIZON...?
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.....
SO,
IS THE KEY NOT WORKING, OR...?
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HM? DOES IT GO LIKE THIS..?
IS THAT EVEN THE KEY TO THIS DOOR!?

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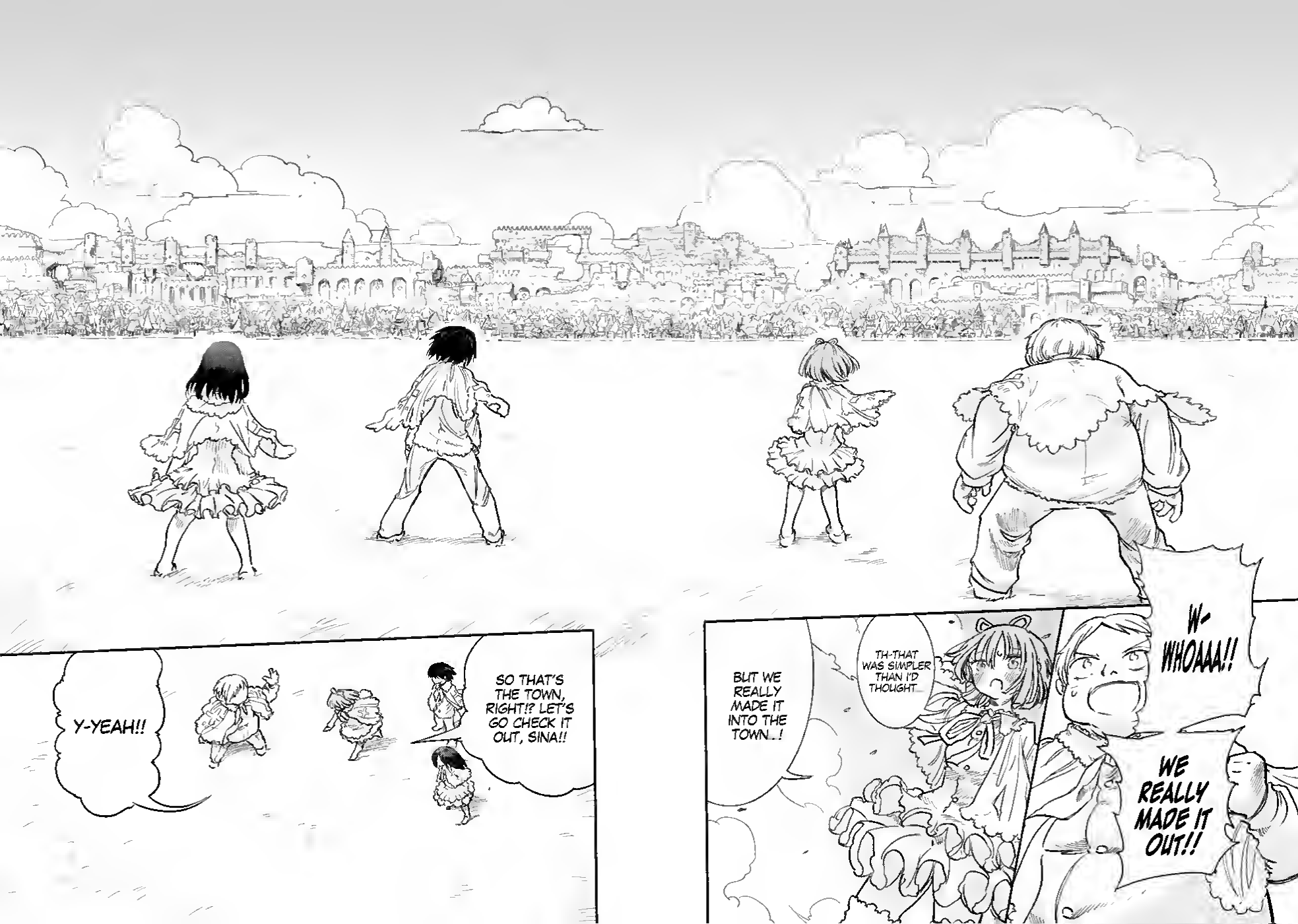
Y-YEAH!!
SO THAT'S THE TOWN, RIGHT!? LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT, SINA!!
BUT WE REALLY MADE IT INTO THE TOWN..!
TH-THAT WAS SIMPLER THAN I'D THOUGHT...
W-WHOAAA!!
WE REALLY MADE IT OUT!!

THAT HIGH, HUH...
THE WALL'S BEEN BUILT UP...
.....
OKAY, FINE!
HEEEY!! AKIRAAA! RINOOO! HURRY UP ALREADY!
THE ANGELS ARE GONNA FIND YOU!

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WH.. WHAT'S THIS..?
IT'S REALLY CREEPY HERE...
W-WELL, WE CAME THIS FAR...
L-LET'S GO LOOK AROUND SOME MORE!

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HEY, LOOK...!!
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URGH...
TWITCH

WHAT KIND OF CREATURE IS THAT.?
ITS FACE AND HANDS ARE ALL SHAGGY!
AND IT'S SO TALL..
I MEAN, IT'S NOT THE SIZE OF AN ANGEL, BUT...
MWHA!?
RUUUUN!!!
WHAT WAS THAT...?
PANT
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PANT
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE...!
COULD THAT HAVE BEEN..
A DEMON!?
NO WAY...!!

WHERE ARE WE, EVEN?
WE WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION TO WHERE WE WERE RUNNING JUST NOW, SO I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THIS PLACE IS..
I DON'T WANNA BE HERE...!!
W-WE SHOULD JUST GO BACK...
.....
THEN WHAT COULD IT HAVE BEEN!?
BUT WHAT IF WE COME ACROSS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE THINGS...?
CALM DOWN! WE JUST HAVE TO WALK AROUND UNTIL WE CAN SEE THE SANCTUARY!!
AT THIS RATE, WE'RE GONNA—
WE ALL DECIDED TO COME TO ILVIA TOGETHER. REMEMBER?
THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT.
RINO...
AKIRA.

!
SOME-ONE'S HERE!
ARE YOU LOST?
YOU KIDS DON'T SEEM LIKE YOU'RE FROM AROUND HERE.
WHO IS THIS GIRL...?
DO THAT, AND I'LL HELP YOU
HAND OVER ALL FOUR
THOSE CAPES ARE MADE OF SILK, AREN'T THEY?

SHE LOOKS LIKE...
SHE'S ABOUT OUR AGE.
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SO HAVE YOU...
COME HERE FROM OUT OF TOWN?
HUH?
I MEAN, YOU'VE GOT SUCH NICE OUTFITS ON..
AND YOUR EYES AND SKIN HAVE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT COLOR FROM THE REST OF THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE
TELL ME
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'D NEVER SEEN AN ADULT BEFORE?
.....
ALSO, THAT LITTLE FREAKOUT YOU JUST HAD?
I SAW THAT

AN...
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DULT?
...WOW, YOU REALLY HADN'T.
THAT'S KIND OF IMPRESSIVE, IN A WAY
YOU SEE, WHEN WE KIDS GET OLDER, WE GROW INTO ADULTS.
OUR BODIES GROW OVER TIME TO MAKE THAT CHANGE POSSIBLE
WHA...
YOU...
YOU MEAN THAT...
WE'RE GOING...
TO LOOK LIKE THAT SOMEDAY...?

NO, ONLY BOYS END UP THAT WAY.
AND TYPICALLY, THAT'S ONLY WHEN YOU GET TO BE FORTY TO FIFTY YEARS OLD, ANYWAY.
FORTY TO FIFTY...
.....
AND WE'RE GONNA TURN INTO THAT...
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Y-YEAH...
TH-THEY'RE ALL LOOKING AT US...!
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SO THESE PEOPLE ARE HUMANS LIKE US... AND IN TIME, WE'LL START TO LOOK LIKE THEM TOO?
BUT SOMEHOW, I GET THE FEELING THAT WE'RE MISSING SOMETHING...
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IT'S TRUE THAT WE'VE BEEN GROWING, LITTLE BY LITTLE...
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RIGHT... THESE PEOPLE ARE THE SAME KIND OF HUMANS THAT WE ARE.
...BUT...IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WHY...?
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THIS WAY.

SINA...
OKAY..
C'MON, WE'RE MOVING ON...

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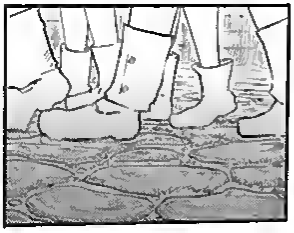

YOU... SEEM LIKE YOU STILL WANT TO KNOW MORE.
SO COME WITH ME AND I'LL SHOW YOU
HOW ILVIA REALLY WORKS.

WE'RE SO CLOSE TO THE WALL..
THE FOREST IS JUST PAST THAT WALL
AAAA AAAA AGH!!
!?
WH-WHAT WAS THAT!?

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GAAAAAAA AAAAAAH!!!
P-PLEASE SPARE ME...
I CAN'T FINISH BUILDING IT THAT FAST...
I JUST NEED THREE MORE DAYS...
NO... IS THAT LADY AMALDA...?
NO... NO, NO... IT HAS TO BE SOMEONE ELSE!
THIS IS BRUTAL.
WHY IS SHE DOING THIS...?

THE ANGELS ENSLAVE THE HUMANS HERE AND FORCE THEM TO WORK FOR THEM, BUILDING THE OUTER WALL.
THIS IS HOW THINGS WORK IN THE REAL WORLD IN ILVIA.
!!!
FOR THE SAKE OF YOU KIDS INSIDE THE SANCTUARY.
AND IT'S ALL...

YOU...
KNEW WHO WE WERE?
GUAAAAAAAH!!
ONE MORE LASH, THEN...
YOU JUST WON'T GET IT UNLESS I TEACH IT TO YOU WITH MORE PAIN...
HUFF HUFF
HUFF

UGH...
GH...
S-
SOMEBODY...
HELP...
ME...

AKIRA!?
AKIRA!!

I'VE...
BEEN LIVING IN THE SANCTUARY ALL MY LIFE, NOT QUESTIONING ANYTHING...
BUT... WHAT IS THE 'SANCTUARY,' REALLY?
WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES US IN THE SANCTUARY SO DIFFERENT FROM THE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN?
WHAT...
ARE WE?
WHY DO WE SEEM TO JUST DISAPPEAR WHEN WE TURN FOURTEEN?

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STAY WITH ME, AKIRA!!
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OW...!!

AKIRA.
!!!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE UP AND ABOUT AGAIN SO SOON.
AMALOA!!

SHH...
WHERE'S RINO... WHERE'S EVERYONE ELSE!?
LET'S JUST RELAX
AND TALK FOR A MOMENT, SHALL WE?
BUT WHY...?
...SHE'S NOT LECTURING ME FOR HAVING GONE OUTSIDE...

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OH, IS BLACK TEA NOT TO YOUR LIKING?
!
IS SOME THING THE MATTER?
UH...
!!?
COULD IT BE...
THAT YOU THINK THERE'S POISON IN IT?
THINK ABOUT IT...
YOU ALL LEFT THE SANCTUARY, AN ACT WHICH I HAD STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.
IT WOULD ONLY BE FITTING TO HAND DOWN AN EQUALLY SERIOUS PUNISHMENT. WOULD IT NOT?

PFFT...
PFFFFTHK...
AHAHA-
HAHA-
HAHA!
W-WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT!?
!?

OH MY...THAT WAS AWFUL OF ME.
SUCH MISCHIEF IS CERTAINLY UNBECOMING OF THE ASPECT OF "COMFORT."
HEE HEE HEE HEE...
MY APOLOGIES.
THAT WAS JUST A JOKE, I PROMISE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? "ASPECT"?
I MEAN THAT THE CREATOR BESTOWED UPON ME THE POWER TO GOVERN A SPECIFIC EMOTION.
THE OTHER ANGELS ARE LIKEWISE BLESSED WITH VARIOUS POWERS FROM THE CREATOR.
AND WE LIVE IN REFLECTION OF THE TRAITS WE POSSESS.
.....!

SO THEN...
AND THAT IS WHY YOU WILL NEVER SEE ME WITHOUT A SMILE ON MY FACE!
THE CREATOR MADE ME THAT WAY!
...JUST LIKE YOU?
THEN YOU'RE JUST FINE WITH HITTING OTHER PEOPLE WITH WHIPS LIKE THAT!?
ALL THE OTHERS OUT THERE ARE JUST LIKE US... THEY'RE JUST AS HUMAN AS WE ARE!!!

OH, YOU JEST.
YOU CHILDREN JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND
HOW SACRED YOUR LIVES ARE...

YOUR WOUND SEEMS TO HAVE CLOSED UP QUITE WELL ALREADY, SO WHY NOT TAKE THIS CHANCE TO SEE HER OFF TO PARADISE?
RINO'S GRADUATION CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO END.
!
HEE HEE!
SO SINA AND BRUTA ARE BOTH GONE ALREADY..
IT'S TODAY...!? I'VE BEEN OUT FOR THREE DAYS...?
WEREN'T RINO AND I SUPPOSED TO GRADUATE TOGETHER!?
.....
DAMN IT!!
I HOPE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.
WE NEEDED TO POSTPONE YOUR GRADUATION TO ALLOW TIME FOR YOUR BACK TO HEAL.

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IT'S TIME, RINO...
LADY SERAPHY...
...YES,
RINO!!

AKIRA...
YOU WOKE UP?
OH...
BUT... I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY...
...!
...WELL...
I GUESS I'LL BE GOING ON AHEAD...
YOU WERE OUT FOR THREE WHOLE DAYS!! WE WERE SCARED YOU WERE GONNA DIE!!
YOU HAD US SO WORRIED!!
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!!
OW!!
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AKIRA...?
DON'T GO, RINO...
THERE'S SOMETHING NOT RIGHT ABOUT THE SANCTUARY!
!...
SINA AND BHUTA HAVE ALREADY LEFT...
AKIRA..
ス...

DON'T WORRY.
THE GREAT ANGELS WOULD NEVER BETRAY US.
I'LL BE WAITING.
IN PARADISE, OKAY?
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I'D NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT UNTIL NOW...
NO, I'D JUST PRETENDED THAT THE THOUGHT NEVER CROSSED MY MIND.
WHY DOES EVERYONE HAVE TO SEND US OFF WHEN WE TURN FOURTEEN?
WHY DO THE ANGELS ALWAYS KEEP US COOPED UP IN THE SANCTUARY?
WHAT EVEN GOES THROUGH THEIR MINDS?
I CAN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF IT...!!
WHY DO THE ANGELS TREAT US SO DIFFERENTLY FROM THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE?

NOT EVEN... A BIT...
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW
THE TRUTH?
WH-WHO'S THERE!?
HUH?

HIYA!
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
MY SHADOW...!?

IT'S A SEX FIIIIEND!!!
IT...
H-HOW DID YOU EVEN GET IN HERE, ANYWAY!?
!!
HEY, I'M NOTHING OF THE SORT!
AND WHAT'S WITH THAT BLACK HALO...?
COULD YOU BE... A D-DEMON...?
YOU'VE GOT YOUR UNDERWEAR ON FULL DISPLAY AND EVERYTHING!
DON'T LIE TO ME!!

YEP! I'M THE ASPECT OF "SHADOW."
CALL ME OLIVIER!
BESIDES, DON'T YOU REMEMBER MY FACE FROM SOMEWHERE?
BINGO!
WE SAW YOU OUTSIDE...
OH...!

ARE YOU HERE TO EAT US!?
WH-WHAT DID YOU COME INTO THE SANCTUARY FOR...?

I MEAN, THERE ARE DEMONS WHO DO THAT, BUT I DON'T.
THAT'S TOTALLY NOT MY THING!
AHAHA!

IN FACT, YOU COULD EVEN THAT I'VE COME TO "SAVE" YOU...
I GOT IN HERE BY HITCHING A RIDE IN YOUR SHADOW.
FROM THIS PLACE, AND FROM THE ANGELS.
BUT DON'T WORRY... I PROMISE THAT I MEAN YOU NO HARM.

YOU'RE FREE TO COME ALONG.
FROM HERE, I'M GOING TO SNEAK FURTHER INTO THE SANCTUARY.
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT!?
WHA-
THERE ARE SECRETS HIDDEN DEEP INSIDE THE SANCTUARY.
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW THEM?
WELL, I KNOW YOU'RE AWARE OF HOW STRANGE THINGS SEEM AROUND HERE...
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HERE WE GO.
THIS IS THE DOOR YOU USE TO LEAVE WHEN YOU GRADUATE.
W-WAIT, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET IN?
THIS DOOR WON'T OPEN NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO...
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HOLD ON A SEC.
I'LL JUST OPEN IT FROM THE OTHER SIDE.
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IT JUST KEEPS GOING DOWN... SO FAR...
THIS SHOULD BE A LONG, LONG STAIRCASE UP TO THE HEAVENS. SO WHY WOULD THERE BE A STAIRCASE LEADING UNDER GROUND...?
DO YOU SEE WHAT I'M GETTING AT...?

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WHAT... IS THIS PLACE...?
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AREN'T THE KIDS ON THIS ALTAR YOUR FRIENDS?
HEY, AKIRA.
WHAT!?
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THERE'S THREE OF THEM IN THERE...
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...BERNIE!!!
THIS IS...
HOW THE ANGELS DO THINGS...

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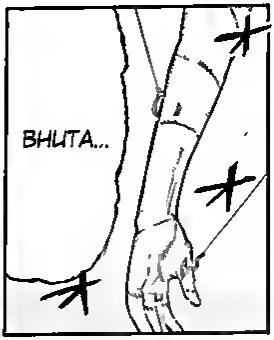
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WHAT IS THIS, OLIVIER!?
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS PARADISE,
AKIRA.

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THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS PARADISE,

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WHAT JUST HAPPENED!?
ANSWER ME, OLIVIER!!!
…WHAT'S GOING ON HERE…?
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IT'S BECAUSE
DIDN'T YOU FIND IT STRANGE?
WHY WERE THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY TREATED NO BETTER THAN LIVING TOOLS, WHILE THE ANGELS RAISED YOU SO LOVINGLY IN HERE?
YOU ARE ALL "REVERIES."
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GOOD, SHE'S NOT FULLY AWAKE YET.
HUMANS WITH SPECIAL BODIES LIKE YOURS ARE BORN EXCEPTIONALLY RARELY.
RIGHT.
"REVERIES"...!?
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LOOK AT THIS, AKIRA.
AN ANGEL'S SOUL IS SEALED WITHIN THIS, THEIR "HEART."
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WHEN AN ANGEL OR DEMON TAKES A LETHAL BLOW, THEIR BODY DISINTEGRATES INTO NOTHING, LEAVING ONLY THEIR HEART BEHIND.
HOWEVER, BY IMPLANTING THAT HEART INTO A REVERIE, THE VICTIM'S BODY CAN BE USED AS A MEDIUM TO RESURRECT THEM.
WAIT...
SO THAT MEANS...

ALL OF YOU
ARE SACRIFICES FOR BRINGING DEAD ANGELS BACK TO LIFE.
IS THE FACT THAT YOU WILL, QUITE LITERALLY, BE THEIR COMRADES' BODIES.
THE ONLY REASON THE ANGELS ARE DEVOTING SO MUCH EFFORT TO RAISING YOU

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A DEMON OF "SHADOW."
I'D HEARD THAT THEY EXIST, BUT THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING ONE MYSELF.
DEAR ME...
YOU'RE SUCH A NAUGHTY CHILD...

AKIRA.
AMALDA...
GALTSEV...
EXAROPE...
CREWEL...
SERAPHY...

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AMALOA!?
THE ASPECT OF COMFORT, AND THE YOUNGEST OF THE FOUR SISTERS OF THE HUMOURS!?
I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D CATCH ON THIS QUICKLY...!!
GRR...
I KNEW SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT...!!
NOW, GO.

KUH!!
ALL THIS TIME...
YOU WERE DECEIVING ALL OF US?
AKIRA,
COME THIS WAY. WHILE MY SUBORDINATES KEEP THE DEMON FROM EATING YOU...!
...PARDON?
WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

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YOU HUMAN CHILDREN ARE WEAK BY NATURE MORTAL AND SO FRAIL THAT YOU CANNOT EVEN SURVIVE FOR TEN YEARS ON YOUR OWN
WE STRIVE TO FULL YOUR LIVES WITH SUCH BRIGHTNESS AND LET YOU THRIVE. WHAT PART OF THAT COULD YOU CALL "DECEPTIVE?"
THAT IS WHY WE GIVE SO MUCH OF OURSELVES TO GRANT YOU YOUR OWN SAFE LITTLE WORLD TO LIVE IN.
AND THEN THERE IS THE WAR.

WE WILL REVIVE OUR KIN WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR BEFORE,
AND REKINDLE THE FIGHT TO DRIVE OUR DEMON ENEMIES TO EXTINCTION!
YOU CAN BE A PART OF THAT GRAND BATTLE YOURSELF, YOU KNOW.
ALL YOU'VE DONE
IS BETRAY US ALL!!!

WE'VE...
ALWAYS PUT ALL OF OUR FAITH IN YOU!!
WE TRUSTED YOU...!!
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OLIVIER...
NOTHING YOU SAY WILL GET THROUGH TO THEM!
AKIRA!!
BESIDES, THERE'S STILL ONE PERSON YOU HAVE TO TRY TO SAVE...!!
RINO...!
THEY DON'T HAVE HUMAN SYMPATHIES LIKE YOU!!
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YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
...GOT IT!!

STOP THEM!!

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OH...
SO WE DIDN'T MAKE IT AFTER ALL...

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RINO...
HEY, RINO!!
SAY SOME-THING...
ANY-THING...!
PLEASE, RINO...!!
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR HER ONCE THAT'S HAPPENED.
THE HEART'S ALREADY BEEN IMPLANTED IN ITS REVERIE VESSEL.
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RINO CAN ONLY TURN INTO AN ANGEL NOW.
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DAMN...
THEY'VE UNDONE MY SHADOW BINDING...!

OLIVIER...
IS THERE A WAY...
TO TURN RINO AND THE OTHERS BACK TO NORMAL...?
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...
I DON'T KNOW.
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CASE OF A POSSESSED REVERIE
EVER BEING ABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR OLD FORM.
KEEP BELIEVING, AND MAYBE YOU'LL FIND A WAY.
BUT...
BUT?

SOMETHING THAT MIGHT SAVE US, I THOUGHT...
SOMEWHERE, LIVING ON THIS CONTINENT OF OSTOLF, THERE MUST BE
FOR A REVERIE LIKE ME... WITH THE SAME GOAL AS ME...
I'VE SPENT SO LONG SEARCHING
OLIVIER...?
A REVERIE LIKE YOU...?

THEN LET'S LOOK TOGETHER.
IF THERE'S A CHANCE THAT WE CAN SAVE RINO AND THE OTHERS...
I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN!

AT ANY RATE... THAT CONVICTION MEANS NOTHING IF WE CAN'T ESCAPE FROM HERE
LOOK AT THIS, AKIRA.
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THIS IS...
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ONE MORE THING REVERIES CAN DO.
AMONG REVERIES,
THERE ARE A FEW WHO CAN AVOID BEING DOMINATED BY THE SOUL OF AN ANGEL OR DEMON
IS THAT AN ANGEL'S HEART!?
WHEN DID YOU-!?
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...WHAT WILL YOU DO?
BUT... MAYBE IN YOUR CASE...
YUNO...
THOSE WHO CAN REJECT THEM,
GAZE AT THE SKY,
AND CONTINUE WALKING THE EARTH BY THEIR OWN WILL.
THEY ARE THE SUCCESSORS, THE TRUE REVERIES.
IF YOU ACCEPT THIS HEART INTO YOUR BODY YOURSELF, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE POWER OF THE ANGEL WITHIN YOUR OWN.
...BUT IT'S AN EXTREME RISK TO TAKE.
YOU HAVEN'T UNDERGONE THE ANGELS' SURGERY THAT RINO AND THE OTHERS RECEIVED TO HANDLE THE ANGEL TRANSFORMATION.
WORST CASE SCENARIO, YOUR BODY WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT, AND YOU COULD DIE
YOU MAY END UP BEING POSSESSED BY THE ANGEL INSTEAD.
DON'T WORRY.
THE GREAT ANGELS WOULD NEVER BETRAY US.
AMALDA...

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NOT EVEN THE TEARS STREAMING DOWN MY CHEEKS
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IMPOS-SIBLE...
DID HE ACTUALLY TAKE AN ANGEL HEART INTO HIMSELF ON HIS OWN!?
HE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE SURGERY...!!!
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NOT EVEN THE TEARS
STREAMING DOWN MY CHEEKS

GULK.
GAHACK!
COUGH
COUGH
HAHH...
HAHH...
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AKIRA...
SHHHHHHHHHT!!! MY CHEST AND HEAD HURT SO MUCH, I'M GONNA DIE!!
HAHH
HAHH
COUGH
I CAN'T EVEN THINK STRAIGHT, IT HURTS SO MUCH!!

A BODY...
A NEW... BODY...
GIVE IT... TO ME...
WHOOOOOAAAAAGH!!!

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WHAT IN THE WORLD ...?
HIS POWER IS RIDICU-LOUS!!
THIS IS WHAT THE ANGEL AKIRA CONSUMED WAS CAPABLE OF!?
HE'S RESISTING THE EROSION OF HIS MIND BY THE ANGEL'S.
WAIT... IS HE...
TRYING TO TAKE THE ANGEL'S POWER FOR HIMSELF!?

GALTSEV!! WHAT IS THAT POWER!?
ANGEL OF PLANTAE
SERAPHY
DON'T BE ABSURD...!
AKIRA...
ANGEL OF GROWTH
EXAROPE
BEYOND THIS POINT, WE'LL BE IN DANGER OURSELVES IF WE TRY TO AVOID KILLING HIM...!!
WHICHEVER IT IS, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LET AKIRA CONTINUE
MOST LIKELY "WIND" OR "AIR"... THAT WAS A FORMIDABLE ANGEL'S POWER.
ANGEL OF THE HARVEST
GALTSEV

!! BUT...!!
SERAPHY... YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?
ANGEL OF RIPENING
CREWEL
RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO PRIORITIZE
THE SAFETY OF THE SANCTUARY AND THE REVERIES!!
GOT IT...
YOU THREE, HELP ME OUT HERE!

GET HIM!!

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GUAAH...!
GAH...
THINGS DIDN'T QUITE GO AS PLANNED...
BUT THE RESULTS ARE JUST AS WELL.
YOU'RE DOING JUST FINE...
KEEP TURNING INTO AN ANGEL, JUST LIKE THAT...!!
OH, NO! IT'S GOING TO OVERSHADOW HIS SOUL!!
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AKIRA!!!

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AAAAUGH!!
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GRIP
GRIP
MY... NEW...
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GIVE ME...
A BODY...
A NEW BODY...

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AKIRA!!!
DON'T YOU DARE GIVE IN TO THAT ANGEL!!
GIVE UP HERE, AND THIS'LL BE WHERE IT ALL ENDS! ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT!?
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO SAVE RINO AND THE OTHERS!?

AKIRA!!
SINA... BHUTA...
ALL THE KIDS...
BER... NIE...
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OUR BODIES...
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BELONG TO US...
GRIP
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AND I WON'T LET YOU JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH THEM!!
NOT YOU... AND NOT AMALDA!!

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IT CAN'T BE...
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!!

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NO WAY...
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NOW YOU HAVE...
CONTROL OVER AN ANGEL'S POWER!!
Y-YOU DID IT!!
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AKIRA!
YOU OKAY?
YEAH... I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE THERE...
BUT NOW,
I CAN FEEL IT IN MY HANDS...
THE AIR.
YEAH... IT JUST POPPED INTO MY HEAD SOMEHOW.
YOU ALREADY KNOW YOUR POWER?
I CAN'T TELL MUCH BEYOND THAT, THOUGH...

WHOA!!
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EAT THIS!!!

THAT DID NOTHING!?
YOU MAY HAVE OBTAINED A BIT OF POWER, BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN MATCH ME WITH THAT?
I CAN USE MY POWER OF 'COMFORT' IN THIS AND MANY OTHER WAYS, YOU KNOW.
WHA-
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?

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AKIRA!
TAKE RINO!
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WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!!
BUT HOW-
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AMALOA...!!
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HOW CAN SHE STILL BE SMILING AT A TIME LIKE THIS!?

THE CRITICAL COLUMNS BELOW THE SANCTUARY,
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AS WELL AS THE SUPPORT BEAMS WITH THE HIGHEST LOAD ON THEM
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AND THE STONES HOLDING THE ARCHWAYS TOGETHER,
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ARE ALL IN CONTACT WITH MY LITTLE "HANDS."
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I DID A LITTLE WORK OF MY OWN WHILE YOU WERE KEEPING THE ANGELS BUSY.
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YOU WOULDN'T-
HEY, I'M A DEMON,
REMEMBER? ♡
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OLIVIER, WAIT!!
NO TIME! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!!
I HAVE TO SAVE MY FRIENDS... I HAVE TO SAVE THE KIDS!!
IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL WE'VE GOT JUST TO GET RINO OUT WITH US!!
YOU CAUGHT AMALDA OFF-GUARD WHEN SHE SAW YOU TAKE THE ANGEL'S POWER FOR YOURSELF, AKIRA...

WE'RE GUARANTEED TO DIE!!
IF AMALDA GETS A CHANCE TO COOL HER HEAD AND WE'RE STILL HERE...
I MADE SURE YOUR FRIENDS AND THE CHILDREN WOULDN'T BE HURT IN THE COLLAPSE
...I SWEAR, WE'LL BE BACK SOME DAY TO SAVE THEM TOO...
EVERYONE...

A STRANGE SMELL CAME TO ME ON THE WIND.
THAT DAY.
AFTER ALL THIS TIME, THE SCENT OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD HADN'T CHANGED ONE BIT.
IT WAS THE SAME ONE THAT I'D HAPPENED UPON TEN YEARS BEFORE.
OR THE PAIN IN MY HEART COULD MAKE A SINGLE DIFFERENCE.
NOT EVEN THE TEARS STREAMING DOWN MY CHEEKS

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AKIRA, HURRY UP!
O-OKAY, COMING!
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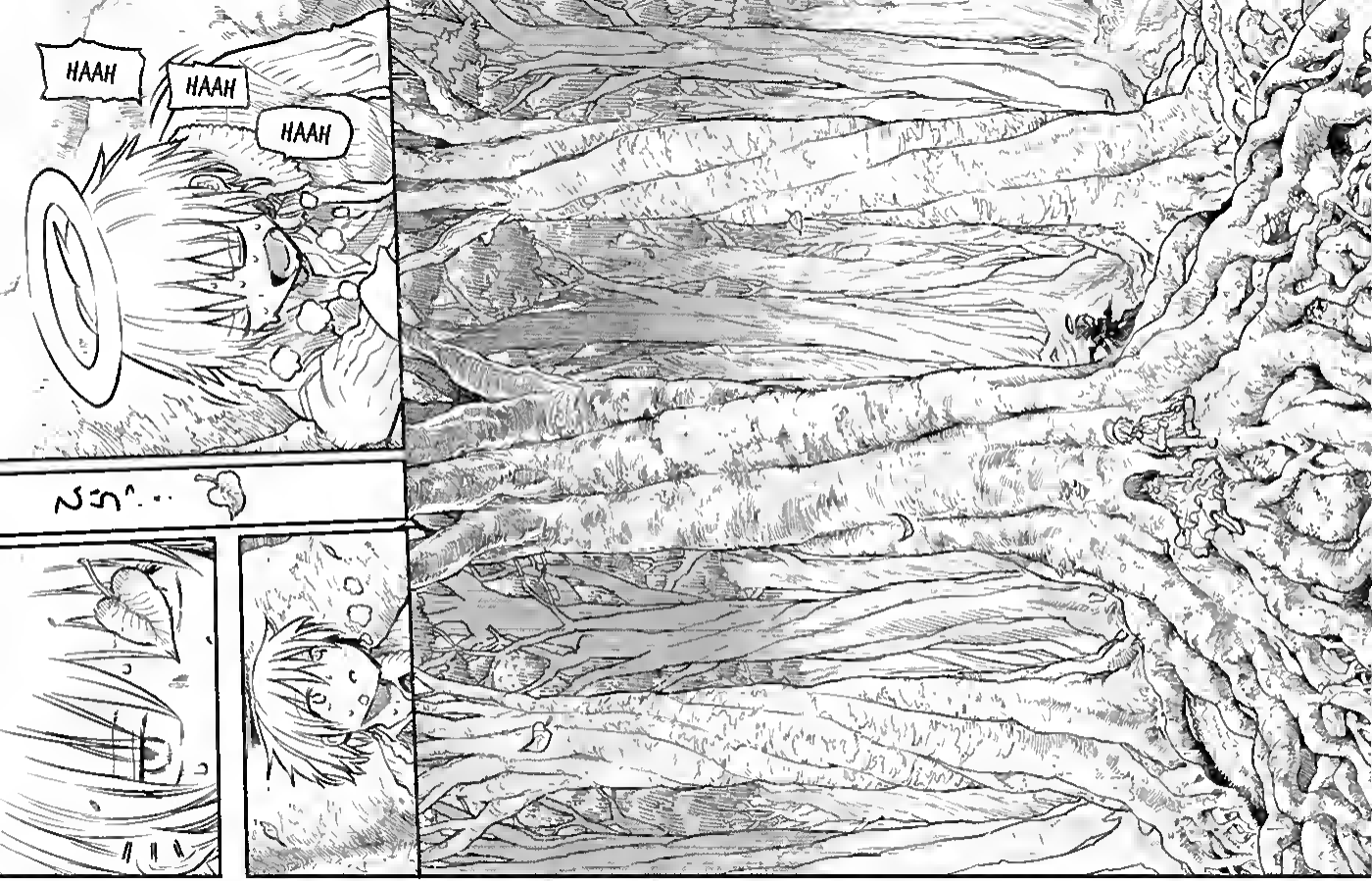
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SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE OUTSIDE...
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BUT NOW...
I HAD WANTED TO SEE THIS SO BADLY,
OH, GREAT!
THANKS, OLIVI—
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I SNATCHED THESE FROM THE SANCTUARY WHILE WE WERE SNEAKING AROUND
AREN'T YOU COLD? PUT THIS ON
I have shoes too.
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OLIVIER! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR BODY!?
JEEZ, TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO NOTICE!
DON'T WORRY.
IT'S BECOME A LOT HARDER FOR ME TO DIE SINCE I GOT THIS DEMON BODY.
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LET'S CHANGE THE STYLE A BIT. THERE, DONE.
NOW, ON TO CHANGING RINO'S CLOTHES! WE'LL DRAW WAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION WITH HER DRESSED LIKE THIS.
THAT REALLY STARTLED ME
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AND SO, YOU ARE NOT TO LEAVE THE SAFETY OF THE SANCTUARY AT ANY TIME.
THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY IS A VERY DANGEROUS PLACE
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A DEMON MIGHT COME OUT TO ATTACK YOU
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU LIKE ONCE YOU TURN FOURTEEN AND MAKE YOUR TRIP TO PARADISE.
UNTIL THEN, WON'T YOU BE PATIENT?
YOU WANT TO GO OUTSIDE, YOU SAY?

WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO, RINO?
How's that any different from now?
I CAN'T WAIT TO GO THERE!!
I'M GONNA EAT EVERYTHING IN SIGHT WHEN I GET TO PARADISE!
WELL, I...
DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY PREFERENCE. AS LONG AS I CAN BE THERE WITH EVERYONE.
...YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT.
TOGETHER... FOREVER...

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NO.
EVERYONE...!
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THE WHOLE TIME...
WE BELIEVED EVERY WORD THE ANGELS TOLD US...
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SO NOW WHAT...
WAS EVERYTHING THEY SAID A LIE!?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS WORLD!?
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE US!?
WHY...
WHAT DID WE DO TO DESERVE HAVING THIS NIGHTMARE FORCED ON US!?

YOU GREW UP NEVER LEARNING A BIT OF WHAT YOU KNOW NOW.
GOOD QUESTION.
WAS MADE BY GOD, THE ORIGINAL CREATOR.
THEY SAY THAT THIS WORLD
AFTER HUMANS, GOD MADE TWO MORE RACES.
THEN HUMANITY SOON AFTER
FIRST HE MADE THE WORLD,

THOSE WERE THE ANGELS AND DEMONS.
AT FIRST, THE ARRANGEMENT SEEMED TO BE GOING SMOOTHLY...
GOD CHARGED THE TWO RACES WITH THE TASK OF PROTECTING HIS CREATIONS IN THIS WORLD
WHILE DEMONS EMBODIED THE WILL OF FREEDOM ITSELF
ANGELS MAINTAINED ORDER BLESSED WITH IMPECCABLE

BUT ONE DAY,
...AND SO, A MASSIVE WAR ERUPTED BETWEEN THE TWO RACES...
THE ANGELS' OBSESSION WITH KEEPING ORDER LED THEM TO IGNORE GOD'S DIRECTIVES.
AND THEY BEGAN A CAMPAIGN TO COMPLETELY EXTERMINATE THEIR DEMONIC COUNTERPARTS.
SO... THEN WHAT THE ANGELS TOLD US ABOUT PROTECTING US FROM THE DEMONS..
WAS A COMPLETE LIE
THE ANGELS STARTED THAT DOCTRINE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE WORLD FIT THEIR DESIRED IMAGE
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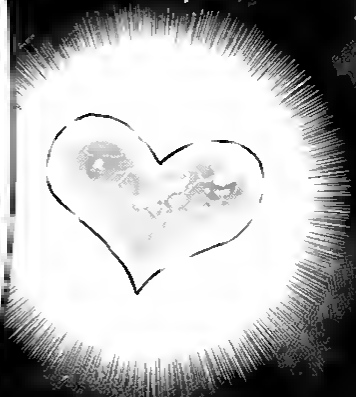
AN IMMEASURABLE NUMBER OF ANGELS AND DEMONS DIED IN THAT WAR
AND OF COURSE, SO DID AN EVEN GREATER NUMBER OF HUMANS
...BY THE WAR'S END, FAR TOO MUCH DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE TO BOTH SIDES...
I IMAGINE THEY ALL FEARED THEIR OWN EXTINCTION, AS NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS CAN REPRODUCE.
AND SO A LONG TIME PASSED WITHOUT MUCH CHANGING
THAT IS,
UNTIL THE DISCOVERY OF US "REVERIES!"

WHEN AN ANGEL OR DEMON DIES, THEIR SOUL, MEMORIES...

AND EVEN THEIR POWERS ARE PRESERVED AS CRYSTALS TO REMAIN IN THIS WORLD

IN THE FORM OF WHAT WE CALL THEIR "HEART."



BY PROCURING A HUMAN WITH A PARTICULAR TYPE OF SOUL, CALLED A "REVERIE,"
AND MAKING THEM TAKE THE VESSEL INTO THEMSELVES!!!
THAT'S...
WHY THEY WERE RAISING US..?
IS THAT ALL THERE EVER WAS TO IT!?

...THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
AT FIRST, THE ANGELS WERE DESPERATE TO REPLENISH THEIR FIGHTING STOCK, SO THEY TRACKED DOWN SURVIVING HUMANS IN GREAT NUMBERS,
AND FORCED ANGEL HEARTS INTO ANY HUMAN WHO MIGHT POTENTIALLY BE A REVERIE...!
FOR THOSE "SACRIFICES" WHOSE YOUNG BODIES COULDN'T HANDLE THE PROCEDURE JUST YET,
THEY MADE AN INSTITUTION TO KEEP THEM UNTIL THE PROPER AGE.. RAISING AND GROOMING THEM TO UNDERGO THE REVIVAL OPERATION!!!
THE ANGELS STILL KIDNAP REVERIES, CONTINUING TO REVIVE THEIR FALLEN COMRADES!
ALL IN THEIR EFFORT TO ERASE EVERY LAST DEMON FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH!!
THAT'S COMPLETELY INSANE..!!

HAVE WE HUMANS
BEEN NOTHING BUT LIVESTOCK AND CANNON FODDER IN THE WAR BETWEEN ANGELS AND DEMONS!?
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RINO...!!
SINA...!!
SHIKA...!!
BERNE...!!
ALL PAWNS IN THEIR SELFISH GAME!!!
ALL THE LITTLE KIDS I'VE TAUGHT, HELPED RAISE, PLAYED WITH...!!
EVERYONE WE'VE SEEN OFF AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES...!!!

ANGELS AND DEMONS WERE GIVEN DIVINE POWER BY THE CREATOR HIMSELF. WHAT HOPE WOULD HUMANS HAVE OF WINNING?
YOU SAW HOW THINGS WERE WHEN YOU VENTURED OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY.
AS THINGS ARE NOW, HUMANS EXIST MERELY TO SERVE AS THE ANGELS' TOOLS.
WHAT ABOUT THE HUMANS!?
ARE THE REST JUST SITTING AROUND, LETTING THIS HAPPEN!?
THEN...
WHAT ABOUT THE DEMONS!?
ANGELS
THE WORLD IS ALREADY ALMOST COMPLETELY DOMINATED BY ANGELS.

THEN... WHY DO YOU HAVE A DEMON'S POWER...?
BUT THEY EMBODY "FREEDOM," REMEMBER? THEY DON'T DO THE SAME THING TO REVERIES.
WELL, THE DEMONS ARE FIGHTING BACK.
I... ACCEPTED A DEMON'S SOUL INTO MY BODY OF MY OWN FREE WILL.
I WANTED TO SAVE SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO ME, WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED AND TURNED INTO AN ANGEL...
...!?

AND MY FEELINGS PROTECTED MY SOUL FROM THE DEMON'S.
I ATE THE HEART WHILE THINKING OF THEM...
I'M PRETTY MUCH THE SAME CASE AS YOU, AKIRA.
...AND SO I STARTED TRAVELING THE WORLD WITH A DEMON'S POWERS IN HAND.
...THEN I MET YOU, AND HERE WE ARE.

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OLIVIER... DO YOU THINK THAT A WAY TO DO IT...
TO SAVE RINO AND THE OTHERS... REALLY EXISTS?
TO BE HONEST, I'VE BEEN WONDERING..
WHAT IF THERE REALLY IS A WAY TO DO IT? WHAT SHOULD I DO THEN?
...WELL, LET'S SEE...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL THIS TIME, AND STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ANY LEADS
I THINK IF IT TURNED OUT TO REALLY EXIST... I'D PROBABLY START WORRYING ABOUT HOW TO PULL IT OFF
.....
BUT HEY,
HERE'S HOW I THINK OF IT.

THEY USED TO THINK IT'D BE A "MIRACLE" TO REVIVE AN ANGEL USING A HUMAN AS A MEDIUM.
SO IN THE SAME VEIN, MAYBE IT'S NOT SUCH A STRETCH TO REALIZE THE "MIRACLE" OF TURNING RINO AND THE OTHERS BACK TO NORMAL!
WE TOOK THEIR SOULS INTO OURSELVES, BUT WE MANAGED TO KEEP CONTROL OF OUR OWN SOULS AND BODIES!
YOU AND I ARE LIVING PROOF THAT SUCH A THING COULD BE POSSIBLE!

IN THE END, ALL I FOUND WAS YOU.
I ORIGINALLY SNUCK INTO THE SANCTUARY TO FIND THAT METHOD MYSELF, THOUGH.
THEN LET'S GO...
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO FIND IT!
I REFUSE TO LET THE ANGELS GET AWAY WITH ANY MORE OF THIS!!
YEAH!!
BUT WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET A BIT FURTHER AWAY FROM THEM FIRST.

I'M GOING TO SAVE YOU. I SWEAR IT...!
RINO...
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ACTUALLY, AKIRA
ABOUT RINO..
?
I REGRET TO INFORM YOU... THAT YOUR JOURNEY WILL END HERE.

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YOU'RE GOING TO DIE HERE, YOU SEE.
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MMPHEW...

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ブータみたい
I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE!!
THERE ARE MALE ANGELS!?
AN ANGEL...!!
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A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, LITTLE REBELS.
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I AM HERE ON THE ORDERS OF AMALDA.
MY NAME IS HUGO.
ANGEL
HUGO
BUT MY SUPERIOR'S ORDERS ARE ABSOLUTE. I'D VERY MUCH PREFER THAT YOU NOT ATTEMPT TO STRUGGLE.
IT PAINS MY HEART GREATLY TO KILL SUCH SMALL CHILDREN...
A GIRL NAMED RINO, IF MEMORY SERVES...
THAT MUST BE THE ONE WITH THE DORMANT HEART IMPLANTED IN HER...
HMM?
OLIVER, TAKE RINO FOR ME.

HO HO HO HO HO !!!
O HO HO HO HO HO!!!
...PFFT
WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING, TAKING AN IMPLANTED REVERIE WITH YOU!?
YOUR NAME WAS AKIRA, WASN'T IT?

YOU'RE PRACTICALLY CARRYING YOUR ENEMY WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO!!
THAT GIRL WILL TRANS-FORM INTO AN ANGEL BEFORE LONG!!
HOW FOOLISH! I HARDLY NEED CONSIDER YOU AN ENEMY TO KILL!!
WELL, HOW ABOUT IT? YOU MIGHT AS WELL JUST BRING THE GIRL OVER TO ME.
IF YOU DO, I PROMISE I'LL MAKE IT—

PAIN
LESS...

MRRGH...!!
SO THIS IS
THAT WAS A SURPRISINGLY STRONG KICK..
THE POWER OF A HUMAN WHO HAS CONSUMED AN ANGEL'S SOUL!!

HE HAS THE FACE OF SOMEONE WHO'S COMPLETELY CONVINCED THEY'RE IN THE RIGHT...
I'M GONNA BLOW YOU AWAY!!!
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GODSPEED❶(完)

GOD SPEED GLOSSARY

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Angels and Demons

Spiritual beings wielding power split and granted by God, their creator.

Each is able to use a unique set of powers corresponding to whatever concept of which they are an "aspect."

Generally, Angels are seen as harbingers of justice, while Demons are seen as the opposite.

Both races invariably possess halos above their heads. Neither can reproduce.

Hearts

Angels and Demons leave these behind when they die. Each one contains the memories and powers of the deceased being.

The hearts are completely indestructible, impossible to even damage with any sort of attack.

Reveries

Humans born with a particular set of traits and body constitution.

The name means "sacrifice" in the language of Ostolf.

By using their bodies as a sort of womb, Angels and Demons in Heart form can be restored to their original forms.

Typically, a Reverie's soul is overshadowed by that of the implanted Demon or Angel, but should the Reverie's soul somehow prevail, their own soul will remain dominant while the would-be possessor's power becomes the Reverie's to command.

The four angels of Ilvia

Subordinates of Amalda who assist in teaching and protecting the Reverie children

Angel of Growth
Exarope

Angel of the Harvest
Galtsev

Angel of Ripening
Crewel

Angel of Plantae
Seraphy

Amalda

One of the four Angels of the Humours, Amalda is the Angel of Comfort.

She holds great influence and power across the entire continent.

Her cross-shaped halo can be used as a weapon; "comfortably" cleaving anything it meets with ease.

Olivier

A human girl who took the soul of the Demon of Shadow into her body.

Besides her ability to meld her body into the shadows and manipulate them, she can also easily hide in the shadows of others.

She has spent several years searching for her friend.

The Three Angels Revived in Ilvia

The angels who were brought back to life using Akira's friends